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I missed the staff meeting as I was having my finger bandaged.

Mr. Serling of the Security Division made some inquiries of me regarding Elias Mcouade, who, after having left the Department, now wishes to return. He had been with Bill Tyler in Paris and I have never heard anything adverse about him. He has a [redacted] pleasing personality.

I had a long PSB briefing this morning as the agenda is a crowded one.

We had our last lunch of the PSB Board as presently constituted in Bill Foster's office today. Those present were Messrs. Harriman, Foster, Smith, Kirk and myself. Afterwards we had a PSB meeting which went off satisfactorily.

I stopped to see General Smith at his office after the PSB meeting and went over some of the problems of the State Department with him.

When I returned to the office I had a talk with Carl McCardle about the importance of keeping Joe Phillips with him. He said [redacted] he was anxious to do so.

Don Dawson came over from the White House to see me in regard to the State Department taking back those of its employees who had been assigned to White House duty. General Eisenhower has already approved this in connection with such assignments from all the agencies.

E. and I went off to see Gary Cooper's movie "High Noon".

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